



*United Friends of the Children*

Preparing Foster Youth for a Future that Works

# Pathways Transitional Living Program

## Philosophy:

- ◆ Identify and build individual Strengths
- ◆ Youth receptivity as a key ingredient for change
- ◆ Empowerment model that tolerates mistakes and requires responsibility
- ◆ Importance of a consistent counselor-resident relationship



## Highlights:

- 18 month program for emancipated youth who are at risk of homelessness (ages 18-23)
- 54 beds at three sites in Whittier
- 6 beds at two sites in Inglewood
- 13 beds at one site in Long Beach
- Three Focus Areas of Program:
  - Housing and Independent Living
  - Life Path (Career, College, Vocation Training)
  - Interpersonal Skills and Mental Health

## Goals:

- Prevent emancipated youth from becoming homeless
- Offer dynamic and comprehensive services to emancipated youth who are receptive to a program with enriched service offerings beyond housing
- Provide youth with the necessary life skills and emotional support to become financially self-supporting and emotionally stable
- Serve as a model for programs serving former foster care youth and Disseminate information learned from the program to interested service providers

## Services:

- Furnished apartments
- Advocacy and counseling services, weekly hour-long contacts with counselors
- Independent living skills training
- Educational guidance and Career development
- Assistance to secure medical coverage
- Peer counseling support
- On-site mental health counseling

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